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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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FELIX VELARDE (AND WIFE, ESTNER CASTILLO),

Index No.: 07-CV-1544

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ANSWER Plaintiff(s),

TO MASTER COMPLAINT

-against-**ELECTRONICALLY FILED** 

AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, LTD, et al.,

Defendant(s).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendants, AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, LTD and AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC., by their attorneys, McGIVNEY & KLUGER, P.C., as and for their Response to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) Related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopt their Answer to Master Complaint dated July 31, 2007, which was filed in the matter of In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

WHEREFORE, the defendants, AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, LTD and AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC., demand judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against them, together with their costs and disbursements and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York August 31, 2007

Yours etc.,

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